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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I encourage you to accept the recent anti-trust settlement reached with Microsoft. Microsoft has agreed to terms that will open up the software operating system, market making the market more competitive and beneficial to consumers.

For example, Microsoft has agreed to disclose its operating interface to competitors as well as to make it easier for computer makers to remove Microsoft products from the Windows OS and to install non-Microsoft products in their places. Microsoft has also agreed to let a three person Technical Committee oversee settlement compliance and assist in dispute resolution.

I firmly believe all of this will serve to open the OS market and to make it more competitive. This competitive market will ultimately drive Microsoft and its competitors to create better software. And it will be the consumer who wins.

Sincerely,

Robert Saunders